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## CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Elston K. Grubaugh General Manager Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District 30570 Wellton-Mohawk Drive Wellton, AZ 85356

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2015 Colorado River Diversion for the Wellton-Mohawk

Irrigation and Drainage District (District)

Dear Mr. Grubaugh:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the District with notice of my determination regarding the District's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2015.

Under Contract No. 1-07-30-W0021, as amended, the District is entitled to divert sufficient water to supply a consumptive use of up to 278,000 acre-feet (AF) per year.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2015 diversion estimate provided by the District, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 424,350 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2015 for use in the District's service area. Nothing in this letter should be construed as authorizing the District to exceed its annual consumptive use entitlement of 278,000 AF of Colorado River water.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2015 in an effort to ensure each entitlement holder's annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2015, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast15.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of Arizona will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for calendar year 2015. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,

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